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Mr. Eric Wintemute
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Dear Mr. Wintemute:

Thank you for your letter of November 20 regarding the risk assessment of DDVP used in residential pest strips. As you know, this chemical is currently being reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through several channels: Special Review, Reregistration, and organophosphate pesticide tolerance reassessment.

In a December 11 correspondence to Amvac, EPA submitted the preliminary human health risk and ecological assessments for DDVP (copy enclosed). Amvac has 30 days (until January 17, 1999) to review that information to comment on errors, confidential business information, and planned data only. After EPA has fixed any errors, the preliminary risk assessment will be published in the Federal Register for a 60 day public comment period.

Since EPA has not completed its preliminary risk assessment of DDVP, it is not appropriate for me to discuss the issues raised in your letter. EPA considers your letters to be "advance" comments on the preliminary risk assessment for DDVP. We will address the issues raised in your letter when responding to the comments on the preliminary risk assessment. I have forwarded your letter to the Chemical Review Manager for DDVP for reference.

I look forward to your comments regarding the risk assessment of DDVP. Thank you for your participation in the implementation process of the Food Quality Protection Act.

Sincerely yours,

(S) J. M. HENDEA p-

Marcia E. Mulkey, Director
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Enclosure